

# ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A brightness-adjustable illumination device for manual use has a main body and an electric light source arranged in the main body. A manually actuatable operating element is arranged on the main body and controls the brightness of the light source. The operating element is adjusted by a linear sliding movement. wherein the operating element comprises an adjustable electric resistor for controlling an electric current intensity flowing through the light source. The adjustable electric resistor is a sliding potentiometer provided with a sliding contact secured on the main body. The sliding potentiometer has a winding movable relative to the sliding contact.